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1. The attached cable may have present or future complications.
2. [Gleason] 03 was introduced to [H. W. D.] by Rafael Maces (Amazons) and has had conversations with him - the basis for SO 11, 102 (attached)
3. No information as yet as to exact relationship between Masfener and Gleason. Assume it is completely under Embassy cover with no loop holes.

[H. W. D.] 03

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## INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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SUPPLEMENT

ORIGIN Cuba, Havana

## EVALUATION OF SOURCE

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## SOURCE

1. The Movimiento Socialista Revolucionario (MSR) is making an effort to oppose the Partido Socialista Popular (PSP - Cuban Communist Party) by concentrating on a campaign to win labor support, according to Rolando Masferrer, leader of the MSR and director of the news weekly Tiempo en Cuba. Masferrer states that since Jesus Menendez, PSP member of the Cuban House of Representatives, lost control of the National Federation of Sugar Workers, the most powerful union in Cuba, the PSP has been trying to gain influence over the C. fino, or Autentico group, which holds the balance of power within the union. However, Masferrer believes that the Autenticos are not strong enough to continue to control the various syndicates in the sugar workers' union. The MSR is making a concrete effort to expand its influence in the union by increasing the number of its labor agents to one hundred. With this number of MSR agents operating in the sugar syndicates, they hope to overcome the influence of the PSP and gain control of the sugar workers. In the legalized Confederacion de Trabajadores Cubanos (CTC), the MSR has three representatives in the directorate who are active in the sugar workers' syndicates. One of the men is the head of the National Federation of Sugar Workers in Camaguey.
2. According to Masferrer and Carlos Montenegro, administrator of Tiempo en Cuba, the MSR is attempting to affiliate itself with the Second Internationale. The MSR, Masferrer states, is a socialist organization, and maintains informal international relations with Accion Democratica of Venezuela. According to Masferrer, Accion Democratica is also attempting to affiliate itself with the Second Internationale.
3. Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, member of the PSP Executive Committee, during his recent trip to Venezuela reportedly made overtures to President Romulo Callegas to strengthen the ties between the Communist Party of Venezuela and the Accion Democratica. However, according to Masferrer, Rodriguez was unsuccessful in this attempt despite his own claim that real progress was made.
4. Carlos Montenegro asserted that although he and original leaders of the MSR maintained liaison with the Soviet Legation for nine months after separating from the PSP, relations were finally broken off and today the MSR has no liaison with either the Soviet Legation or the PSP.
5. About 30 January 1948, the MSR intends to commence the publication, at a monthly cost of \$8000, of a daily newspaper which will be the principal organ

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of the IER. Masferrer told another source that President Grau had promised \$6000 for the initial publication of the paper, but to date the money has not been made available. At the present time, Minister Without Portfolio Jose Manuel Aleman, who is said to handle Grau's financial transactions, is not anxious to see the IER grow, and has ceased to supply funds to the organization since the failure of the recent Joriscar revolutionary attempt. Aleman is interested in using the money at his disposal to buy votes, but President Grau does not feel that the IER can help considerably along this line.

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